

# HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Leeming Street
Suburb: Mount Kuring-gai

Location: near Mount Kuring-gai Public School

File Ref: F2004/09791

LTC No: 35/2024

Electorate: HORNSBY

Google Map: <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/72zjiQEYwExR2qaSA">https://maps.app.goo.gl/72zjiQEYwExR2qaSA</a>

Subject: Proposed Installation of Marked Pedestrian Crossing at existing Children's Crossing

Date of Circulation: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

## **SUMMARY**

This report details the traffic and parking implications for the proposed upgrade of an existing Children's Crossing by the installation of a Marked Pedestrian Crossing in Leeming Street, Mount Kuring-Gai, near Mount Kuring-gai Public School.

## **SUBJECT**

Council has received requests from pedestrians concerning the unsafe operation of the Children's Crossing in Leeming Street in concerns near Mount Kuring-gai Public School. Concerns relate to drivers failing to give way to pedestrians at the crossing. Many of the drivers are unaware of the rules surrounding the use of Children's Crossings in NSW.

Council is proposing to install a full-time Marked Pedestrian Crossing in Leeming Street. This upgrade will improve drivers' awareness of the crossing and improve safety of pedestrians.

Council is actively working to upgrade all Children's Crossings to full-time Marked Pedestrian Crossings near primary schools in the shire. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to the road rules concerning pedestrian crossings.

Key features of the proposal are:

- Installation of painted 'Zebra' Marked Crossing lines and Pedestrian Crossing signs.
- Upgrade of kerb ramps to suit full-time pedestrian crossing standards.
- Changes to parking restrictions, from part-time 'No Stopping' zone on the approach to and departure from the crossing in Leeming Street, to full-time 'No Stopping' zone.
- Formalising 'Give Way' controls at the Leeming Street / Church Street T-intersection.

A plan of the proposal is attached.

#### **Pedestrian Crossing Warrants - New crossing guidelines**

In the past, the installation of Marked Pedestrian Crossings on local roads was controlled by a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) crossing warrant system. TfNSW has now recognised that the warrants were difficult to achieve on local roads. In September 2022, TfNSW released new Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines. As an alternative to the TfNSW warrants, councils may use the following pedestrian demand calculation:

- In each of two separate one-hour periods in a typical day, the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is, or is expected to be, equal to or greater than 20.
- Children and elderly or mobility impaired pedestrians count as two pedestrians.
- The crossing location must meet traffic engineering and Australian Standards requirements, such as adequate sight distance and geometry.

Traffic counts and site observations of the pedestrian movements in Leeming Street indicate that pedestrian demands at the subject location are higher than the requirements above.

### **CONSULTATION**

Public Consultation was conducted during September 2024.

Council invited comments on the initial proposal from residents, tenants and Mount Kuring-gai Public School. Ten (10) letters were mailed out via Australia Post, including letters for Department of Education and the school.

Council also invited comments on the initial proposal from eight (8) authorities and transport providers by email.

The proposal was placed On Exhibition on Council's website for 14 days.

During the consultation period, twenty-five (25) submissions were received by Council.

In mid and late November 2024, follow-up emails were sent to Mount Kuring-gai Public School, seeking comments.

A *Public Consultation Summary* of the submissions and Council responses are attached to this report. Copies of the submissions are available upon request.

A table summarising the responses is provided below:

Support	Support with suggestions	Object
16	4	5

## **CONCLUSION**

Issues identified in the submissions have been addressed in the attached Public Consultation Summary.

During the consultation, residents have also raised concerns about the operation of the Intersection of Leeming Street / King Street and Leeming Street / Church Street. The intersection of Leeming Street / King Street currently has stop lines and two 'Stop' signs, but no double barrier (BB) lines. It is proposed that double barrier lines be installed in Leeming Street, near the intersection, to discourage U-turns.

The Intersection of Leeming Street with Church Street currently operates as a T-intersection with give way priority, however is not signposted. It is proposed that 'Give Way' controls be formalised by the installation of 'Give Way' sign and delineation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Plan of the proposal LTC 35/2024
- 2. Public Consultation Summary

## **RECOMMENDATION THAT**

1. Marked Pedestrian Crossing and associated signs and markings in Leeming Street, Mount Kuring-gai, as detailed in this report and attached plans, be approved.

## Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report.

Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524.

Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki Chairman

Issued Date:

Tuesday, 3 December 2024

**Comments Close Date:** 

Tuesday, 17 December 2024, at 5:00pm